

Pombo amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 18) that sought to allow funds in the bill for the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Geological Survey to be used only for programs that have been authorized before or after the date of enactment. **Page H3670**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 190. **Page H3594**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H3677**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 25. **Page H3677**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–28). **Pages H3677–78**

Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a report on the 2005 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Towards Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–29). **Page H3678**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3594, H3648, H3649, H3649–50, H3650–51, H3651, H3672–73, H3673–74, H3674–75, and H3675. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMPETITIVENESS IN MATH AND SCIENCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled “Challenges to American Competitiveness in Math and Science.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUG FREE SPORTS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded hearings on H.R. 1862, Drug Free Sports

Act. Testimony was heard from David Stern, Commissioner, National Basketball Association; William Hunter, Executive Basketball Players Associate; Paul Tagliabue, Commissioner, National Football League; and Gene Upshaw, Executive Director, National Football League Players Association.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Financial Services Regulatory Relief: Private Sector Perspectives.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STEROID USE IN SPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Steroid Use in Sports Part III: Examining Basketball Association’s Steroid Testing Program.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Basketball Association: David Stern, Commissioner, and Richard W. Buchanan, Senior Vice President and General Counsel; William Hunter, Executive Director, National Basketball Players Association; Keith Jones, Athletic Trainer, Houston Rockets; and Juan Dixon, Player, Washington Wizards.

RECREATIONAL BOATERS STREAMLINED INSPECTION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing on H.R. 1509, Recreational Boaters Streamlined Inspection Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; Robert Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

REFORMING THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Reforming the United Nations: Budget and Management Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Mark P. Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; former Senator Timothy E. Wirth of Colorado and President UN Foundation; and Catherine Bertini, former Under Secretary-General, Management, United Nations.

The Committee also held a briefing on this subject. Testimony was heard from Mark Malloch Brown, Chief of Staff to the Secretary-General, United Nations.

OVERSIGHT—HIGH ENERGY COSTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “The Impacts of High Energy Costs to the American Consumer.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Ehlers; VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DRILLING—BENEFITS SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the benefits small businesses will receive if drilling is allowed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Testimony was heard from Representative King of Iowa; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSITION FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO VETERANS’ STATUS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs’ and the Department of Defense’s efforts to assist military personnel in making a “seamless transition” from active duty to veterans’ status. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care—Veterans’ Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Brenda Faas, Social Worker, Veterans Health Administration; Linda Petty, Benefits Counselor,

Veterans Benefits Administration; and John Brown, Director, Office of Seamless Transition; the following officials of the Department of Defense: MAJ Ladda Tammy Duckworth, USA, Patient, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; COL Gwendolyn Fryer, USA, Southern Regional Medical Command Military Liaison to James E. Haley Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tampa, Florida; and COL Timothy Frank, USMC, Liaison Officer to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a representative of a veterans organization.

AGING SOCIETY—RETIREMENT POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Retirement Policy Challenges and Opportunities of our Aging Society. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Hal Daub, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Concluded hearings on the PATRIOT Act, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 20, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Declaration of Education: Toward a Culture of Achievement in D.C. Public School,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.